



Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2010 BZPP?

The purpose of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 BZPP is to help state and local governments protect national critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKRs) from terrorist attacks. The program supports the implementation of Buffer Zone Plans (BZPs) by providing the funding to buy equipment and support planning efforts.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2010 BZPP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2010 BZPP will be \$48 million.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2010 BZPP funds?

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only agency eligible to apply for FY 2010 BZPP funds and is responsible for obligating the funds to the appropriate local units of government or other designated recipients. The SAA must coordinate all BZPP activities with their respective State Homeland Security Advisor (HSA).

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2010 BZPP?

The key milestones associated with FY 2010 BZPP are:

- December 8, 2009: Release date for FY 2010 BZPP Grant Guidance and Application Kit
- February 12, 2010: Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the SAA
- November 30, 2010: Deadline for grantees to submit Buffer Zone Plans (BZPs) to DHS-FEMA

5. How will the FY 2010 BZPP funds be allocated?

The allocation methodology for BZPP builds upon the program plan and methodology from FY 2009. *Tier 1* and *Tier 2* assets have been prioritized, and funds are being applied to address the list of assets supported by the BZPP. Based upon results of the DHS prioritization work with state and local colleagues, eligible states, territories and the District of Columbia may participate in and receive funding under the FY 2010 BZPP. The specific sites and their locations are sensitive and DHS has directly contacted each state with information regarding the identity, and location of the selected high-risk sites in their area, as well as the respective funding levels for those areas.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2010 BZPP?

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010* (Public Law 111-83) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2010 BZPP Grant Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2010 BZPP Grant Guidance and Application Kit is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. How will the FY 2010 BZPP applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM EST, February 12, 2010. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

9. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.
- The Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP), Protective Security Coordination Division (PSCD) provides a range of support to BZPP grantees and sub-grantees. The PSCD can provide a federally guided vulnerability assessment team to assist in the development of the BZP. BZP workshops, which train law enforcement and other homeland security prevention personnel on the BZP development process, are also available to support grantee and sub-grantee jurisdictions. For more information on assessments or the assessment process, please contact ipassessments@dhs.gov.

10. What is the FY 2010 BZPP period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.